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MEMORANDUM FOR Team Chief, Personnel Contingency Cell, Army
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SUBJECT: Predeployment Pregnancy Testing Policy and Procedure

1. Recommended that the Personnel Planning Guidance be amended as follows:
 - a. All female soldiers deploying overseas will be administered a pregnancy test as part of their predeployment medical screening.
 - b. The pregnancy test will be done within one month prior to actual movement overseas.
 - c. The urine pregnancy test is sufficient for verification.
 - d. Female soldiers who have undergone hysterectomy or bilateral tubal ligation are exempt.
 - e. If the pregnancy test yields positive results, the soldier is non-deployable.
2. Please amend the Personnel Planning Guidance to reflect this policy.
3. POC is COL Kathleen Simpson, Health Policy and Services, (703) 681-3154.


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